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Agenda item 13
Adoption of the report of the Conference

Draft report

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I. Resolutions adopted by the Conference

1. [*To be completed*]

II. Organization of work and other organizational matters

A. Date and place of the Conference

2. The Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction was held in Sendai, Japan, from 14 to 18 March 2015, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/211 and decision 69/556. During that period, the Conference held nine plenary meetings, three high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues and five ministerial round tables.

B. Attendance

3. [*To be completed*]

C. Opening of the Conference

4. The Conference was opened on 14 March 2015 by the Secretary-General.

5. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 14 March 2015, after the election of the President of the Conference, statements were made by the President, Eriko Yamatani; the Secretary-General; the Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe; the Head of State of Swaziland, King Mswati III, in his capacity as Vice-President of

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the General Assembly and on behalf of the President of the General Assembly, Sam Kutesa; the incoming President of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Laurent Fabius; Regina Pritchett, on behalf of the nine major groups; and the Mayor of Sendai, Emiko Okuyama.

D. Election of the President

6. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 14 March 2015, the Minister of State for Disaster Management of Japan, Eriko Yamatani, was elected President of the Conference by acclamation.

E. Election of officers other than the President

7. At the same meeting, the Conference elected the following officers:

Vice-Presidents:
Bangladesh, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Jamaica, Russian Federation, South Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand

Vice-President ex officio:
Japan

Co-Chairs of the Main Committee:[1]
Päivi Kairamo (Finland)
Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand)

Rapporteur-General:
Toni Frisch (Switzerland)

F. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

8. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 14 March 2015, the Conference adopted its agenda (A/CONF.224/1/Rev.1), which read:

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Statement by the President.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
6. Election of officers other than the President.
7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

[1] At its 1st plenary meeting, the Conference decided to interpret "Chair of the Main Committee", set out in its rules of procedure (A/CONF.224/3), as "Co-Chairs".

8. General exchange of views.

9. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations.

10. Statements by non-governmental organizations.

11. Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference.

12. Other matters.

13. Adoption of the report of the Conference.

9. At the same meeting, the Conference approved its programme of work, as contained in documents A/CONF.224/2 and Add.1.

10. Also at the same meeting, the Conference established a main committee in accordance with rule 46 of the rules of procedure and allocated the consideration of agenda item 11, "Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference", to it.

G. Adoption of the rules of procedure

11. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Conference adopted as its rules of procedure the provisional rules of procedure, as recommended by the Preparatory Committee (see A/CONF.224/3).

H. Credentials of representatives to the Conference

12. At the same meeting, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed the following States as members of the Credentials Committee, on the basis of the composition of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session: Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Denmark, Jamaica, Namibia, Russian Federation, Senegal and United States of America.

I. Documentation

13. The list of documents before the Conference is contained in the annex to the present report.

III. General exchange of views

14. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 14 March 2015, under agenda item 8, "General exchange of views", the Conference heard statements by the Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe; the President of Turkmenistan, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov; the Head of State of Swaziland, King Mswati III; the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Emanuel Mori; the President of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta; the President of Vanuatu, Baldwin Lonsdale; and the President of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe.

15. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 14 March 2015, the Conference heard statements by the Vice-President of Viet Nam, Nguyen Thi Doan; the Vice-President of Indonesia, Muhammad Jusuf Kalla; the Vice-President of Ghana, Kwesi Bekoe Amissah-Arthur; the Vice-President of Burundi, Prosper Bazombanza; the Vice-President of South Sudan, James Wani Igga; the Vice-President of Zambia, Inonge

Wina; the Prime Minister of Thailand, General Prayut Chan-ocha; the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania, Mizengo Pinda; the Prime Minister of Rwanda, Anastase Murekezi; and the Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources of the European Commission, Kristalina Georgieva.

16. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey, Numan Kurtulmus; the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin; the Deputy Prime Minister of Tonga, Siaosi Sovaleni; the Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia, Ukhnaa Khurelsukh; the Deputy Prime Minister and Chair of the National Disaster Prevention and Control Committee of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Asang Laoly; the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of South Africa, Pravin Gordhan; the Minister Secretary for Risk Management of Ecuador, María del Pilar Cornejo; the Senior Minister and Vice-Chair of the National Committee for Disaster Management of Cambodia, Ly Thuch; the Minister for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disaster of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Puchkov; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, Didier Burkhalter; the Minister of Home Affairs of India, Rajnath Singh; the Minister of Civil Affairs of China, Li Liguo; the State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia, Peter Burian; and the Chair of the Committee on Emergency Situations of Tajikistan, Khayridin Abdurakhmov.

17. At the 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 March 2015, statements were made by the Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Religious Affairs of Sri Lanka, John Amarathunga; the Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic, Richard Brabec; the Minister of Disaster Management and Relief of Bangladesh, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury; the Minister of State for Development and Francophonie of France, Annick Girardin; the Minister of the Interior of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli; the Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization of Cameroon, René Emmanuel Sadi; the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law of Singapore, K. Shanmugam; the Minister for Justice of Australia, Michael Keenan; the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Samoa, Faamoetauloa Taito Faale Tumaalii; the Deputy Minister of Public Safety and Security of the Republic of Korea, Kim Gyejo; the Minister for National Emergencies of Paraguay, Joaquín Roa; the Minister of National Integration of Brazil, Gilberto Magalhães Occhi; the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Senegal, Abdoulaye Balde; the Minister of Environment and Water of the United Arab Emirates, Rashid Ahmed bin-Fahad; the Minister for Commerce, Industry and Environment of Nauru, Aaron Cook; the Minister of the Interior and Decentralization of Madagascar, Mahafaly Solonandrasana Olivier Jocelyn; the Minister of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan, Kubatbek Boronov; the Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica, Noel Arscott; the Minister of the Interior of the Sudan, Ismat Abdelrahman Zeinelabdin Elhassan; the Minister for Urban Renewal and Informal Settlements of Egypt, Laila Iskander; and the Minister of Environment of Iraq, Qutaiba Ibrahim Turki.

18. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 15 March 2015, the Conference heard a statement by the President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kiribati, Anote Tong.

19. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi, George Thapatula Chaponda; the Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of Seychelles, Didier Dogley; the

Minister of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations of Armenia, Armen Yeritsyan; the Minister of Environment and Energy of Maldives, Thoriq Ibrahim; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal, Mahendra Bahadur Pandey; the Minister of Social Solidarity of Timor-Leste, Isabel Guterres Amaral; the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Tunisia, Nejib Derouiche; the Minister for Home Affairs of Cabo Verde, Marisa Morais; the Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of Myanmar, Myat Myat Ohn Khin; the Minister of Civil Defence of Cuba, Ramón Pardo Guerra; the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Côte d'Ivoire, Rémi Allah-Kouadio; the Minister for International Development Cooperation of Sweden, Isabella Lövin; the Leader of the House, Minister of Defence, Minister of Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and Minister responsible for the Earthquake Commission of New Zealand, Gerard Brownlee; the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy, Lapo Pistelli; the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile, Edgardo Riveros Marin; the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, Syed Tariq Fatemi; the State Minister and National Coordinator for Civil Protection of Mexico, Luis Felipe Puente; the Chair of the delegation of the Philippines, Loren Legarda; and the Chair of the delegation of Qatar, Major General Saad Jassim al-Khulaifi.

20. [*To be completed*]

IV. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations

21. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 14 March 2015, under agenda item 9, "Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations", a statement was made by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Disaster Risk Reduction and Water.

22. At the 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 March 2015, statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Office for Project Services, the World Food Programme and the United Nations Population Fund and the Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Commission.

23. At the 4th plenary meeting, on 15 March 2015, statements were made by the Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union; the Director General of the International Organization for Migration; and the President of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

24. [*To be completed*]

V. Statements by non-governmental organizations

25. At the 4th plenary meeting, on 15 March 2015, under agenda item 10, "Statements by non-governmental organizations", a statement was made by the Women's Major Group.

26. [*To be completed*]

VI. Work of the Main Committee

27. [*To be completed*]

VII. Ministerial round tables

28. At the 9th plenary meeting, on 18 March 2015, the Chairs of the five ministerial round tables presented their reports.

Reconstruction after disasters: build back better (round table 1)

29. The round table on the theme "Reconstruction after disasters: build back better" was opened on 15 March 2015 by the Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey, Numan Kurtulmus. Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, New Zealand, Malaysia, Tonga, China, Madagascar, Malawi, the Czech Republic, Iceland, Australia, France, Kenya, Maldives, Pakistan, Paraguay, South Sudan, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Viet Nam, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Lebanon, the Philippines, Finland, Qatar, Serbia and Algeria, the World Bank Group and the United Nations Development Programme, and the Japan Civil Society Organizations Coalition.

30. [*To be completed*]

International cooperation in support of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (round table 2)

31. The round table on the theme "International cooperation in support of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction" was opened on 15 March 2015 by the Minister of Home Affairs of India, Rajnath Singh. Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Bhutan, Brazil, Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Sweden, Kyrgyzstan, Chile, the Cook Islands, Georgia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam, Austria, Israel, Fiji, Morocco, Peru, the European Union, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the World Bank Group, the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and the representatives of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the Green Climate Fund and the International Disability Alliance.

32. [*To be completed*]

Governing disaster risk: overcoming challenges (round table 3)

33. The round table on the theme "Governing disaster risk: overcoming challenges" was opened on 16 March 2015 by the Minister Secretary for Risk Management of Ecuador, María del Pilar Cornejo. Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Indonesia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mauritius, Nauru, the United Arab Emirates, Uganda, Ghana, Spain, Botswana, Mongolia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, the State of Palestine, the Philippines, Tajikistan, the Sudan, Ethiopia, the United Kingdom, the Holy See, the United States, Fiji, Timor-Leste and New Caledonia, as well as the Istanbul Governorship, the African Union, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and Duryog Nivaran (a civil society organization), the Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning and the representatives of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the United Nations Development Programme.

34. [*To be completed*]

Reducing disaster risk in urban settings (round table 4)

35. The round table on the theme "Reducing disaster risk in urban settings" was opened on 16 March 2015 by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of South Africa, Pravin Gordhan. Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Trinidad and Tobago, Senegal, Germany, Portugal, Poland, Ghana, the Netherlands, Ethiopia, Panama, the Niger, Madagascar, Romania, Indonesia, Mozambique, the Gambia, Italy, Peru, Egypt, Zambia, Brazil and Guatemala, the Governor of Hyogo Prefecture, and the representatives of Canada, Armenia, Uzbekistan, Ecuador, Nepal, China, Colombia and Norway, as well as the City of Aqaba, Jordan, the University of Brasilia, the European Parliament, the International Organization for Migration, the World Bank Group and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

36. [*To be completed*]

Public investment strategies for disaster risk reduction (round table 5)

37. The round table on the theme "Public investment strategies for disaster risk reduction" was opened on 17 March 2015 by the Secretary of State and Head of the Department of Emergency Situations of Romania, Raed Arafat. Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Madagascar, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Egypt, El Salvador, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Viet Nam, Bahrain, Tajikistan, Ghana, the United Republic of Tanzania, Panama, the Philippines, Uzbekistan, Cabo Verde and Fiji, as well as the secretariat of the East African Community, the Nablus Municipal Council, Keidanren (Japan Business Federation), the Association of Caribbean States, the World Meteorological Organization, the Economic Commission for Europe, the District Institute of Risk Management and Climate Change of Bogota and Youth Beyond Disasters.

38. [*To be completed*]

VIII. High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

39. At the 9th plenary meeting, on 18 March 2015, the Chairs of the three high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues presented their reports.

Mobilizing women's leadership in disaster risk reduction (dialogue 1)

40. The dialogue on the theme "Mobilizing women's leadership in disaster risk reduction", held on 14 March 2015, was co-chaired by a member of the Senate of the Philippines, Loren Legarda, and the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan, Sanae Takaichi. The keynote address was delivered by the Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe. The dialogue was moderated by an international journalist, Riz Khan.

41. Statements were made by the former President of Finland, Tarja Halonen; the Mayor of Sendai, Emiko Okuyama; the Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources of the European Commission, Kristalina Georgieva; the Executive Director of the World Food Programme; the Executive Director of the United Nations

Population Fund; and the representative of FemLINKPACIFIC, Adi Vasulevu Merewalesi.

42. During the interactive discussion, statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, the commune of Tevragh-Zeina in Mauritania, the Philippines, the Syrian Arab Republic, Sweden, Maldives, the United Kingdom and Benin. Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the World Bank, the Global Environment Fund, the Global Water Partnership, the Women's Major Group, the indigenous peoples major group and civil society from Peru and Indonesia.

43. [*To be completed*]

Risk-sensitive investment: public-private partnerships (dialogue 2)

44. The dialogue on the theme "Risk-sensitive investment: public-private partnerships" was opened by the Chair of the dialogue and Director General of the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Authority of Turkey, Fuat Oktay, who made a statement. A keynote address was delivered by the Chief Executive Officer of General Insurance, AXA Asia, Gaëlle Olivier. The dialogue was moderated by an international journalist, David Eades, who also made a statement.

45. The following panellists also made statements: the Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Netherlands, Henk Ovink; the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of Kokusai Kogyo and Chair of the Private Sector Advisory Group and the Disaster Risk Reduction Private Sector Partnership of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Sandra Wu; the Representative Director and Vice-Chair of Nissan Motor Corporation, Toshiyuki Shiga; the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe.

46. An interactive discussion ensued, during which questions were raised and statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Swaziland and Zambia.

47. Statements were also made by representatives of the following major groups: business and industry, non-governmental organizations, trade unions and women.

48. [*To be completed*]

Inclusive disaster risk management: Governments, communities and groups acting together (dialogue 3)

49. The dialogue on the theme "Inclusive disaster-risk management: Governments, communities and groups acting together" was opened by the Chair of the dialogue and Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica, Noel Arscott, who made a statement. A keynote address was delivered by the President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kiribati, Anote Tong. The dialogue was moderated by Veronica Pedrosa of Al-Jazeera, who also made a statement.

50. Statements were made by the Minister of Urban Development and Informal Settlements of Egypt, Laila Iskander; the Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina, Mauritania, Fatimetou Abdel Malick; the President of the province of Potenza, Italy, Nicola Valluzzi; the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund; Carlos

Kaiser Mansilla of ONG Inclusiva; and Josephine Basibas Castillo of DAMPA, a civil society organization from the Philippines.

51. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Maldives, Mexico, New Caledonia (as an associate member), Egypt, Japan, South Africa, Nepal, the Philippines and Ecuador.

52. Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and World Bank.

53. Statements were made by the representatives of the following civil society organizations: World Federation of the Deaf, Global Networking of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction, International Association of Applied Psychology and Global Water Partnership. Statements were also made by representatives of the following major groups: women and business and industry.

54. [*To be completed*]

IX. Report of the Credentials Committee

55. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 18 March 2015, the Conference considered the report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.224/4).

56. The Conference adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Committee in its report (for the text, see chap. I, resolution [ ]).

X. Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference

57. [*To be completed*]

XI. Other matters

58. [*To be completed*]

XII. Adoption of the report of the Conference

59. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 18 March 2015, the Conference adopted its draft report, as introduced by the Rapporteur-General, and authorized the Rapporteur-General to finalize it.

XIII. Closure of the Conference

60. [*To be completed*]

Annex

List of documents

[*To be completed*]